Rule 4-802. Motion to reinstate small claims proceedings.

Intent:

To establish a procedure for reinstating small claims proceedings in cases where one of the parties fails to appear.

Applicability:

This rule shall apply to small claims actions.

Statement of the Rule:

- (1) Any party to a small claims action who has an affidavit or counter-affidavit dismissed for failure to appear may request a hearing to show cause why the court should not reinstate the cause of action.
- (2) The request must be in the form of a written motion supported by an affidavit setting forth the reasons why the party failed to appear and filed within the time prescribed by the Rules of Civil Procedure.
- (3) The moving party shall send a copy of the motion and affidavit to the opposing party and file with the court a certificate of mailing.
- (4) The clerk of the court shall schedule the motion for hearing and notify the parties of the hearing date.